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SUBJECT: OSI External Project on "Implications of Soviet Research on Geoelectricity," PD-6-444.

1. Subject project was transmitted to the Secretary, Financial Policy and Budget Committee, under date of 6 June 1962, for lateral vote and approval by the DDCI in the amount of FY 1962 funds.

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2. It proposes to place a contract with for specific services in the field of "Evaluated Research in Selected Foreign Scientific and Technical Areas," one of the four functional areas which comprise the approved FY 1962 OSI External Research Program.

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3. PRC Action No. DD/I-5-62 reflects the PRC review of the OSI FY 1962 External Research Program and concluded with a recommendation to the DCI to approve the following proposal (which he did 18 July 1961):

3. Proposal

"It is proposed that subject program be approved in the total amount of for FY 1962, subject to the availability of funds from appropriation, and with the provision that the DD/I be authorized to approve program adjustments, at his discretion, as appropriate, within the above total."


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4. Subject project should more properly be identified as a task, within the approved OSI External Research Program, and within the categorical subdivision of "Evaluated Research."

5. For purposes of specific approval of this particular contract, it was the intent of the PRC Action quoted above (paragraph 3) to delegate authority to the DD/I to handle this as a program adjustment, without

further reference to the FRC and/or the DCI, inasmuch as it falls clearly within the "Evaluated Research" segment of the approved program, both substantively and financially.

6. In view of the above, and subject to concurrence of the Comptroller, CIA, the DD/I approval may be considered as final authority for this action.


Secretary, Financial Policy
and Budget Committee

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Concur in paragraph 6

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